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Dear Susan and Linda,

It was a pleasure to again meet with you and to review Child Development Home Registration rules. Please remember to breathe while you are reading this letter! You have a little to work on but it is all doable. My job is to help you come into compliance so if you have any questions while working on things, please feel free to call me or e-mail me.

Please find your copy of the, Checklist for Child Development Home Registration. I will be referring to the Child Development Home Registration Guidelines (Comm. 143) in this letter. You should receive the site to locate a copy of these at every application/renewal or a post card to return to Des Moines if you prefer to have them mailed to you. If you need an additional copy please call the Des Moines office 1-866-448-4605 or e-mail a request at crsacca@dhs.state.ia.us and they will send one to you. I will refer to these as, guidelines, for the rest of this letter. There are some sample forms in the last section of the guidelines, which were created to document the items needed for compliance. Feel free to use these forms for your programming. There are two typos on page 28 of some printed copies. The line that states "Total children under school age, including those under 24 months" should read 6 for both a level A and B. The guidelines are also on line. You may go to the following site to locate them on line: [http://www.dhs.state.ia.us/policyanalysis/PolicyManualPages/Manual_Documents/Master/comm143.p
df](http://www.dhs.state.ia.us/policyanalysis/PolicyManualPages/Manual_Documents/Master/comm143.pdf)

This letter is in regards to the compliance check of your Level C, Registered Child Development Home completed on 6-04-13. Iowa Code Chapter 237A and 441 Iowa Administrative Code, Chapter 110, describes specific requirements that must be met by a Registered Child Development Home. The following areas were out of compliance at the time of my visit:

☐ 110.5(1)e All accessible electrical outlets are safely capped. **Need to check daily for these capped while I was there**

☐ 110.5(1)h A safe outdoor play area is maintained in good condition throughout the year.

Need an approved soft landing for under all equipment 18 inches or taller that is at a minimum of 9 inches. Enclosed the Outdoor Home Playground Safety Handbook.

☐ 110.5(1)q All dogs and cats have annual examinations. Records of the exams are on file and must verify that routine immunizations are current and animal is free of endo and ecto parasites.

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Gave form to take to the vet

☐ 110.5(2) A provider file is maintained and contains:

☐ 110.5(2)a A physician's signed **statement of health and immunization status** on the provider and all members of the household who may be present when children are in the home. Statements must be obtained at the time of initial registration and updated every two years. **Susan needs MMR and polio documentation**

Please attempt to locate immunizations. Document what you have done to attempt to locate those. Your parents, baby books, schools: elementary, middle, high school and colleges, county or state public health, current physician, military records are the best places to start looking. Discuss with your doctor what they believe you should do to meet that law, (ie: take a titer test- these are very expensive and it might be easier to get the immunizations again, be re- immunized, have Doctor complete a medical waiver). The immunizations that are required are measles, mumps, rubella, diphtheria, tetanus and polio.

☐ 110.5(2)d An individual file is maintained for each substitute and contains: **Substitute provider needs to be approved for child care.**

☐ 110.5(2)d A completed DHS Criminal History Record Check, form B, 595-1396.

☐ 110.5(2)d A completed Request for Child Abuse Information, form 470-0643

☐ 110.5(2)d A physician's signed statement of health of at the time of employment and at least every two years thereafter.

☐ 110.5(8) Children's Files

The children's files must be **updated annually with the emergency medical authorization completed yearly**. If the parent wants to review, edit and resign and date the intake and emergency medical authorization instead of completing a new form that is ok. I suggest you pick a date, such as the first of the year, beginning of school, your birthday or anniversary, Valentines day, ect. On that date I suggest you double check for a current physical form and immunizations (if there were any updates) and have the parents redo or resign the emergency medical and intake information.

☐ 110.5(8) An individual file is maintained for each child and **updated annually** or when there are changes. Each file contains:

☐ 110.5(8)c A signed medical consent from the parent authorizing emergency treatment.

Need update on Donte- (Needs to be dated), Jamaría and Isabella

☐ 110.5(8)d For infants and preschoolers: An admission physical examination, on the first day of attendance, including past health history, status of present health, allergies and restrictive conditions, and recommendations for continued care when necessary. The date of the exam is not more than 12 months before the child's first day of attendance.

Need for Isabella who just started

☐ 110.5(8)g A signed and dated immunization certificate provided by the state department of public health.

Need for Isabella who just started

Non-compliance with any of the mandated regulatory requirements listed above may lead to the cancellation or revocation of your Child Development Home Registration. **Please take whatever steps are necessary to completely address each of the violations noted above. It is essential you correct all above-mentioned violations within the next 45 days.**

☐ Based on the items out of compliance listed above, you will be required to have a recheck or follow up visit to your home. This visit will occur after the 45 day time period has elapsed.

☐ Based on the items out of compliance listed above, a recheck or follow up visit to your home is not necessary. However, it is essential you provide documentation to the Department that certifies you have corrected each of the identified regulatory violations and are now in complete compliance with all Departmental regulatory mandates. **Please check mark each of the boxes listed above when the necessary corrections have been completed. By doing so, you certify that you have completed all of the mandated regulatory requirements contained within each identified section.**

I certify that I have taken all of the steps necessary to correct each of the identified violations noted above and am now in complete compliance with all of the Departmental mandated regulatory rules.

Please sign and date below, and return this form in the provided envelope by: 15 days of receipt

X _____
Signature Date

Please do not hesitate to contact me at DHS at 319 892-6826 if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Lisa Wesbrook
Social Worker II

Always Remember:

Child Care Resource and Referral is an excellent resource for providers to access training options and support in your area. They have consultants who can assist you in coming into compliance. You can reach Child Care Resource and Referral at 866-324-3236. The CCR&R website has a host of information including a document called Q/A. That document is the clarification of many questions and corresponding answers staff has had on the day care rules. This is a fluid document and new questions and answers are being added. I would suggest you review it at least every 6 months. You can find it on the CCR&R website. The exact address for the question and answer document is: http://www.iowaccrr.org/resources/files/Consultant/CDH%20Question_Answer.pdf

As you plan your future trainings to meet your 24 hours of training requirement, please remember that you need to use only DHS approved training and only 12 hours can be by self-study. In addition to the approved 24 hours you will also need valid certificates in CPR, first aid and Mandatory child abuse training at time of renewal. You can access the approved training by going to http://www.dhs.state.ia.us/Consumers/Child_Care/Professional_Development.html and you can sign up for training at <https://ccmis.dhs.state.ia.us/trainingregistry> HACAP also has a training newsletter. To obtain that newsletter you can email them. Send your name, address, phone number, e-mail address, and that you are a registered child development home to Ashley at ameincke@hacap.org. You may also call them: Child Care Programs at 319-739-1556 if you have any questions. Iowa Child Care Resource and Referral also has a newsletter and website for the area which has training information. You may reach them by calling 866-324-3236 x 1410 or go to the following web site: http://www.iowaccrr.org/who_we_are/region_5 and click on current training calendar which you will find in the body in red text.

All providers need to maintain compliance with rules set out in Iowa Administrative Code, Chapter 110, which includes: 441 IAC 110.5(1): Check with the appropriate authorities to determine how the following local, state, or federal laws apply to you: • Zoning code • Building code • Fire code • Business license • State and federal income tax • Unemployment insurance • Worker's Compensation • Minimum wage and hour requirements • OSHA • Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

An additional site that you might find helpful is the US Consumer Product Safety Commission recall site. If you go to the site and register your e-mail address the site will automatically send you updates on any products that are on recall. Baby items seem to go on recall often, especially sleeping equipment, pack and plays, car seats and toys. This is a good site to be aware of or to have the automatic updates sent to you. <https://www.cpsc.gov/cpsclist.aspx>

If there are any rules you do not agree with or do not feel you can comply with there is a process to ask for an exception to that rule. To do that you would go to the following web site: http://www.dhs.state.ia.us/dhs/appeals/ask_exception.html You follow the instructions and complete the form provided. If you can, include the numeric number to the rule you are asking the exception to. All registered child development home rules are found in 441 IAC 110. You would add the correct subsection such as 110.4 or 110.5(1) if you can determine it. They are all listed in the spot check form so you could use that as your guide.

There is a law change I want to make you aware of. There was a rule change effective 6-1-13 You are no longer required to have a land line phone as a registered child development home. If you eliminate your land line phone please e-mail the CCA in Des Moines with a current contact phone number. That e-mail address is: crsacca@dhs.state.ia.us

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Date: _____ 1/17/2014 _____

Attention Parent and/or Guardian of child attending Susan Choez-Ortega & Linda Scott Child Development Home.

The Iowa Department of Human Services requires all childcare providers to maintain an individual file for each child in their care. This file must include the following items:

- 1) Intake information which includes the following: child's name and DOB, parents name, address and phone numbers at home and work; along with documentation of any special needs of child
- 2) Emergency medical authorization signed by the parent,
- 3) Emergency contact information, which includes parents' names and phone numbers, doctors name, address and phone numbers along with name, phone number and relationship of another adult available in case of an emergency
- 4) List completed and signed by the parent on people who can pick up the child including their phone number and relationship to the child
- 5) Immunization certificate
- 6) Yearly statement of health: for school age children it can be signed by the parent. For infants and preschoolers it must be signed by a physician
- 7) A physical:
 - a) For infant and preschoolers: it must be at their initial start of childcare and then annually (the yearly statement of health form above)
 - b) For school age children: it must be, at the minimum, dated at the time of their elementary school enrollment.

If you do not have the above requirements to the Child Development Home the provider has been directed to no longer care for your child until the necessary paperwork has been obtained as they are out of compliance. The provider has given you 30 days to obtain this information. If it is not in their file by the end of the 30 days which is, 7/30/13 they have been directed they should no longer care for your child until it has been obtained. Please feel free to call me if you have questions on this matter.

Lisa Wesbrook (Linn County: last name A-J & Benton and Iowa County) 892-6826 OR
Dale Garlinghouse (Linn County: last names K-Z & Jones County) 892-6803
Day care registration workers